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ORDER REMANDING TO EXAMINER

On July 18, 2003, appellants filed an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)(Paper No. 40). It is not clear from the record whether the examiner fully considered the IDS statements submitted or whether the examiner notified appellants of why their submission did not meet the criteria set forth in 37 CFR \$\$ 1.97 and 1.98.

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Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that this application be remanded to the examiner for: 1) consideration of the Information Disclosure

Statement (Paper No. 40); and 2) for such further action as may be appropriate.

It is important that the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences be informed promptly of any action affecting the status of this appeal (i.e., abandonment, issue, reopening prosecution).

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